

## **Board of Finance**

### **Special Meeting Minutes**

**April 12, 2016**

1. **Call to Order:** Chairman David Hosmer called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.
2. **Roll Call:** Michael Dougherty, Ronald Cabana, Frederick Chmura, David Hosmer, Glen Lessig,

David Richardson, and Jeffrey Kelleher were all present.

**Missing:** Roy Bradrick absent with notification.

**Others:** Approximately 25 citizens.

3. **Seat Alternate if Necessary:** None needed for this meeting.
4. **Approve Minutes for the March 22, 2016 Meeting:** Fred Chmura, seconded by Michael Dougherty made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 22, 2016 meeting.

After some discussion Frederick Chmura, seconded by Michael Dougherty made a motion to table the approval of March 22, 2016 meeting minutes until a future meeting. **Voting in favor of the motion:** Michael Dougherty, Frederick Chmura, David Hosmer, Glen Lessig, David Fortin. **Voting against the motion:** None. **Abstentions:** Ronald Cabana.

5. **Citizens Comments:** It was the general consensus of the audience that they would like the budget to be at the Proposition 46 allowable.

6. **New Business:**

**A. Suspense List – Tax Collector:** Tax Collector Linda Bernardi presented the Suspense List to the Board of Finance.

Michael Dougherty, seconded by David Fortin, made a motion to accept the Suspense List as presented. **Motion passed unanimously.**

The Board of Finance thanked Ms. Bernardi for the great job she does.

**B. Allocate Funds Between the Board of Education & General Government Budget:** Glen Lessig, seconded by Frederick Chmura, made a motion to present the budget at the Proposition 46 Allowable. After discussion Chairman Hosmer called for a vote on the question. **Voting in favor of the motion:** David Hosmer, Glen Lessig and Frederick Chmura. **Voting against the motion:** David Fortin, Ronald Cabana and Michael Dougherty. **Motion fails.**

Michael Dougherty, seconded by Ronald Cabana, made a motion to allocate money available with proposed increase amount \$330,261 as follows:

**Board of Education** will get \$280,722 or 85% of the increase

**General Government** will get \$49,539 or 15% of the increase.

The new budget for the **Board of Education** \$16,908,726.

The new budget for **General Government** \$5,435,827.

**Voting in favor of the motion:** Michael Dougherty, David Fortin, Ronald Cabana, Frederick Chmura and David Hosmer. **Voting in opposition of the question:** Glen Lessig. **Motion passed.**

- C. Accept Final Budgets and Capital Plans for Town Meeting:** Michael Dougherty, seconded by David Hosmer, made a motion to approve the proposed budget of the Town of Woodstock for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2017 in the amount of 22,344,553 and to appropriate said sum to meet recommended expenditures. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Michael Dougherty, seconded by Glen Lessig, made a motion to approve a capital improvement plan of 11,539,126 for the Town of Woodstock for a period ending Fiscal Year 2020-2021. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Michael Dougherty, seconded by David Hosmer, made a motion to place a question on the ballot asking voters if they feel the budget is too high or too low.

After some discussion wondering if having two questions on the ballot would be too confusing, Michael Dougherty amended his motion to have the question on the ballot read "Is the budget too low? Yes or no?" This motion was seconded by David Fortin. **Voting in favor of the motion:** Michael Dougherty, Ronald Cabana, Frederick Chmura, David Hosmer and David Fortin. **Voting against the motion:** Glen Lessig. **Motion passed.**

- D. Notify OPM – Mahoney Sabol & Company 5 Year Contract:** Frederick Chmura seconded by David Fortin made a motion to notify OPM that Mahoney Sabol & Company has a five year contract with the Town of Woodstock. **Motion passed unanimously .**

**7. Old Business:**

- A. Update on Policy Manual: Tabled.**
- B. Draft Internal Service Fund – Tabled.**
- C. Mr. Fortin's Letter -Tabled.**

- 8. Citizens Participation:** It was the general consensus of the audience that a question on the ballot would confuse the voters.

Michael Dougherty, seconded by David Fortin, made a motion to withdraw the previous motion in regards to placing a question on the ballot. **Motion passed unanimously.**

- 9. Correspondence & Announcements:** None.

- 10. Adjournment:** David Fortin, seconded by Michael Dougherty, made a motion to adjourn at

9:05. **Motion passed unanimously .**

Respectfully submitted,

Christine G French

Clerk